



Falcon League Rules 2014

Grades 3 & 4

U.G.S.A. Rules

- Time Limit-1 hour or 6 Innings.
- **Mercy Rule:** 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings and 8 runs after five innings.
- If the game is called for weather or other reasons, the team ahead is declared the winner if 4 or more equal innings have been completed.
- A batter may not advance on a dropped third strike.
- **NO** infield fly rule.
- Bunting will not be allowed. If a bunt is attempted, the pitch will be counted as a strike.
- There will be **NO** stealing, or leading-off of bases.
- All play must stop when the pitcher is standing within the pitching 8 foot radius circle and the ball enters or passes through the circle – regardless of whether the pitcher catches it or not. Base runners must go to the nearest base.
- Pitching distance will be 35 feet.
- There will be an 8 run offensive limit. The last play will be live. This will allow more than 8 runs to be scored. Once the play is completed teams will switch. When a game is tied at the end of regulation innings or the expiration of the time limit, the game will be decided by a tie-breaker. Player will begin on **third base**. Runner will be the **last** out of the previous inning.

Lehi Softball Rules

- All players will bat regardless of whether or not they play in the field.
- The **SECOND TEAM** listed on the schedule is the Home Team and will have last at-bat. The Home Team will take the 3rd base dugout.
- No new inning will begin after 55 minutes.
- During the regular season there will only be one (1) extra inning played.
- No automatic out will be in effect if there are 8 or more players (7 players would constitute one automatic out)
- **Falcon Only Rule:** A team may only walk 4 batters in an inning. A player who is hit by pitch will not count toward the 4 batters for that inning. After that the 5th batter will remain up to bat until they 1) get a hit off the tee; 2) get hit-by-pitch; 3) or strikeout (misses the ball on the tee). ***This rule does not apply in the State Softball tournament.**
- The “ball shagger” **MUST** be at least 12 years old. If the “ball shagger” is between the ages of 12 and 18 they **MUST** wear a batting helmet. If the “ball shagger” is 18 years old or older, they are not required to wear a batting helmet, but Lehi City strongly recommends that they wear a helmet. (Helmets will be provided by Lehi City). **ALL** “ball shaggers” must stand against the backstop in the chalked box (when available) opposite of the batter when each pitch is thrown. (Example: If the batter is right handed and is in the batter’s box to the left of home plate, then the “ball shagger” would stand against the backstop in the chalked box to the right.) This will allow the “ball shagger” to have a clear view of both the pitcher and the batter.
- Keep it positive, keep it fun!

